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Applicant: David Clarence Howard, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

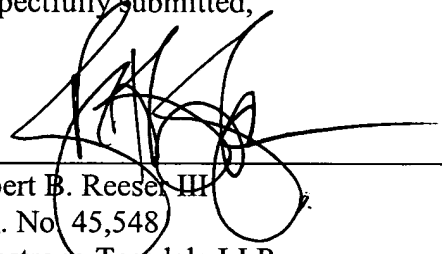
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 28, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Group I as identified in the Office Action. Claims 1-19 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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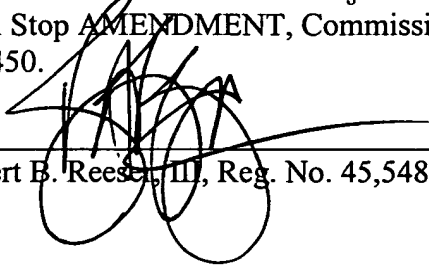
STATUS

- Applicant
☐ claims small entity status.
☒ is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
_____ third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid
therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months
of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this
conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that
applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension
of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$25.00 = \$		x \$50.00 = \$
		MINUS		=	x \$100.00 = \$		x \$200.00 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$180.00 = \$		+ \$360.00 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

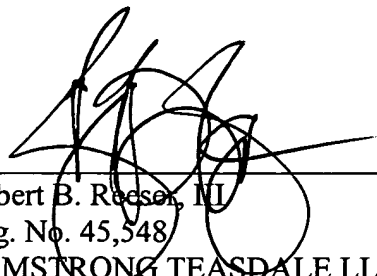
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:


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